

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising:

a styrenic block copolymer; and

a thermoplastic vulcanizate comprising a fully cross-linked ~~rubber selected from the group consisting of~~ ethylene-propylene-diene rubber (EPDM), ~~ethylene-propylene rubber (EPR), styrene-butadiene rubber, butadiene rubber, butyl rubber, styrenic rubber, ethylenic rubber, and mixtures thereof,~~

~~wherein the styrenic block copolymer is not crosslinked with the thermoplastic vulcanizate.~~

2. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the styrenic block copolymer is selected from the group consisting of A-B-A triblock copolymers, A-B-A-B tetrablock copolymers, A-B-A-B-A pentablock copolymers, and mixtures thereof.

3. (Original) The composition of claim 2, wherein A is a hard block comprising vinylarene monomers and B is a soft block comprising olefinic monomers.

4. (Original) The composition of claim 2, wherein the styrenic block copolymer has a styrene-ethylene butylene-styrene structure, a styrene-ethylene propylene-styrene structure, or a styrene-ethylene ethylene propylene-styrene structure.

5. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic vulcanizate includes a polyolefin resin.

6-7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the amount of the styrenic block copolymer is at least about 5 parts per 100 parts of the thermoplastic vulcanizate.
9. (Original) The composition of claim 8, wherein the amount of the styrenic block copolymer is between about 5 parts and 400 parts per 100 parts of the thermoplastic vulcanizate.
10. (Original) The composition of claim 9, wherein the amount of the styrenic block copolymer is between about 15 parts and 300 parts per 100 parts of the thermoplastic vulcanizate.
11. (Original) The composition of claim 1, further comprising mineral oil.
12. (Original) The composition of claim 8, further comprising mineral oil.
13. (Original) The composition of claim 12, wherein the amount of the mineral oil is at least about 10 parts per 100 parts of the thermoplastic vulcanizate.
14. (Original) The composition of claim 13, wherein the amount of the mineral oil is between about 20 parts and 800 parts per 100 parts of the thermoplastic vulcanizate.
15. (Original) The composition of claim 14, wherein the amount of the mineral oil is between about 25 parts and 600 parts per 100 parts of the thermoplastic vulcanizate.
16. (Original) A composition of claim 1 having a hardness less than about 50 Shore A.
17. (Original) A composition of claim 1 having a hardness between about 10 and 45 Shore A.
18. (Original) A composition of claim 1 having a hardness between about 15 and 35 Shore A.
19. (Original) A composition of claim 1 having a 22 hour compression set at 70°C of less than about 30%.

20. (Original) A composition of claim 17 having a 22 hour compression set at 70°C of between about 10% and 25%.

21. (Original) A composition of claim 18 having a 22 hour compression set at 70°C of between about 15% and 23%.

22. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising:

a styrenic block copolymer having a styrene-ethylene butylene-styrene structure, a styrene-ethylene propylene-styrene structure, or a styrene-ethylene ethylene propylene-styrene structure; and

a blend of polypropylene and a fully cross-linked ethylene-propylene-diene copolymer;  
~~wherein the styrenic block copolymer is not crosslinked with the blend.~~

23. (Original) The composition of claim 22, further comprising mineral oil.

24. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising:

a styrenic block copolymer; and

a thermoplastic vulcanizate comprising a fully cross-linked rubber derived from ethylene-propylene-diene monomers (EPDM);

~~wherein the styrenic block copolymer is not crosslinked with the thermoplastic vulcanizate.~~

25. Cancelled

26. (Previously Presented) A method of making a polymeric composition comprising:

dynamically vulcanizing a cross-linkable rubber in a polyolefin; and then

melt blending the dynamically vulcanized rubber in the polyolefin with a styrenic block copolymer.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the cross-linkable rubber is derived from ethylene-propylene-diene monomers (EPDM).

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the polyolefin includes polypropylene.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the styrenic block copolymer is selected from the group consisting of styrene-ethylene-butylene-styrene copolymer, styrene-ethylene-propylene-styrene copolymer and styrene-ethylene-ethylene-propylene-styrene copolymer.